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1. Communication; and
2. Terminal Disclaimer

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Documents establishing the chain of title of the Subject Application and of the Prior Application (including the aforementioned assignments and recording locations) have been reviewed and I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in Petitioner.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under 18 USC § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issuing thereon.

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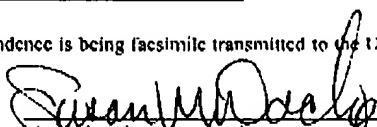
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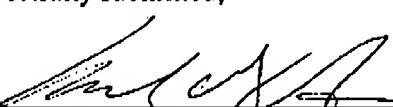
Dear Sir:

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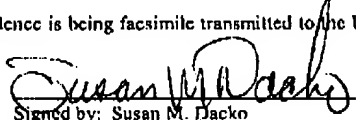
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Petitioner, 3M Innovative Properties Company, a corporation of the State of Delaware having a place of business at 3M Center, St. Paul, MN, represents that it is the exclusive owner of the entire interest in the above-identified application (referred to as the "Subject Application") by virtue of an assignment recorded at Reel 013089, Frame 0505, on September 17, 2002. Petitioner further represents that it is the exclusive owner of the entire interest in U.S. Application Serial No. 08/240,877, (referred to as the "Prior Application"), by virtue of the same assignment.

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